

Tennessee Primary Care Network--P.L. 102-317

This legislation allows the Tennessee Primary Care Network to continue to serve as an HMO for Medicaid recipients from July 1992 through January 1, 1994. Without this legislation, the Tennessee Primary Care Network would not meet the enrollment composition requirements for Medicaid HMOs.

The Social Security Act requires any HMO serving the Medicaid population to have a non-Medicaid, non-Medicare enrollment of at least 25 percent. The Secretary of HHS may grant an HMO a waiver of this "75/25" requirement for the first 3 years of the HMO's Medicaid operation; after that time, the Secretary has no authority to grant waivers of the 75/25 composition.

OBRA 89 included an extension of the 75/25 waiver beyond the original 3-year period for the Tennessee Primary Care Network. P.L. 102-317 extends that 75/25 waiver again.